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A SELECTION of SMALL CABINS

for

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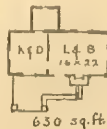
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INTRODUCTION

To own a vacation cabin in some invigorating niche of the woods is one of the dreams of life. The longing to escape dull routine manifests itself in the glorious springtime and persists tenaciously through the torrid months of summer. Year after year the longing returns and the cabin in the woods remains "a dream," but once the dream materializes and the cabin is erected, be it ever so small, the monotony of life vanishes forever. Close to nature, one experiences the thrill of the outdoors and a well deserved freedom from all life's cares and petty worries.

The ideas presented herein come from a number of vacation resorts. It is the author's hope and intent, through his experience in the drafting room and in the building of cabins, to present in this form, a helpful solution to your problems and the realization of your dreams.

When we consider carefully the requirements of a vacation cabin, a number of desirable qualities present themselves. First, the location should be easily accessible; the cabin should be well built and suitable for the year round; it should be efficient and conveniently arranged, and it should not

require a too large investment. While suggesting the atmosphere of pioneering, the cabin should have all the so-called modern conveniences available and finally, it should be a cozy retreat, furnished for comfort, complete relaxation and rest.

Shown in these pages are a number of etchings of frame and log cabins, plan sketches, rustic furniture and many suggestions of importance in planning the cabin.

An estimate of the cost of construction following page 37 answers approximately the question "What will it cost?" This estimate will give a more definite idea as to cost than has heretofore been available.

It is the earnest desire of the author that you will benefit by the highlights of his experience with vacation cabins as set forth in this booklet.

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Fig. 1.

7 Built in bunks and corner closets are both popular and convenient in the small cabin.

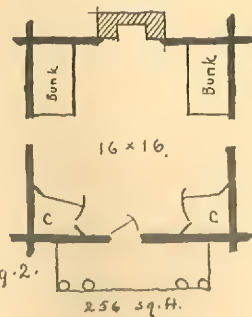


Fig. 2.



After purchasing the site one can always start with one room at least. Others can be added at any time as needed.

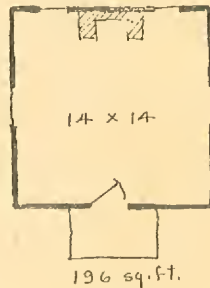


Fig. 2.



Fig. 3.

The articles of furniture shown in these pages, are easy to make, are inexpensive, can be made by the carpenter, and are suitable for the rustic cabin.

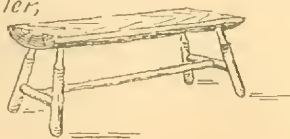


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A number of ways
to build with logs
are shown in these
pages. Fig. 1. shows
gables of stone with
logs stockade style
front and rear.

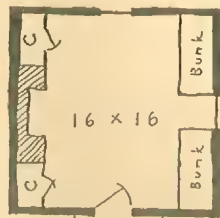


Fig. 2.
256 sq. ft.



Fig. 1.

Fig. 1. Exterior of clapboards.
Fig. 2. " " shingles.

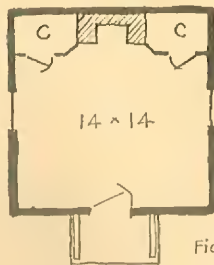


Fig. 3

196 sq. ft.

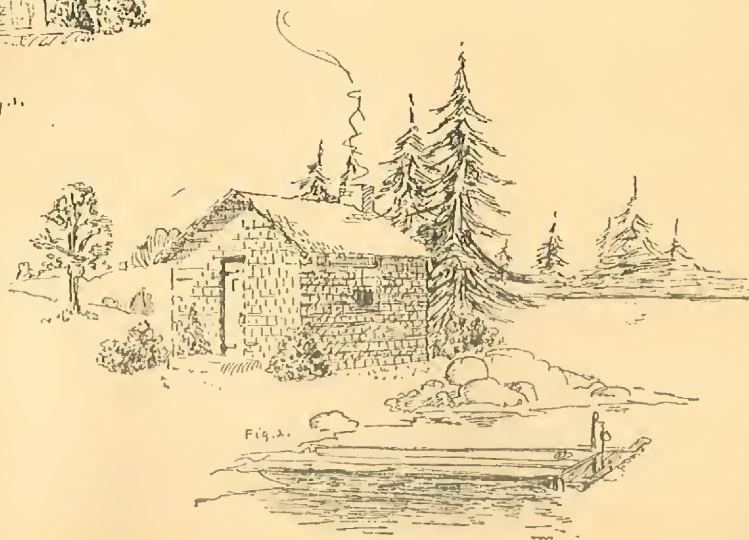


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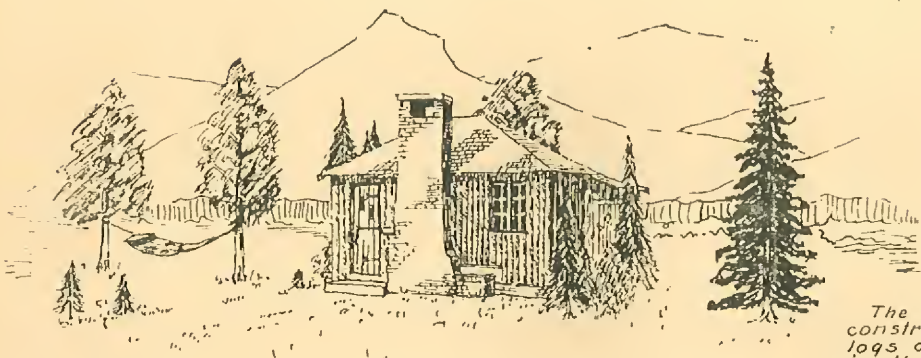
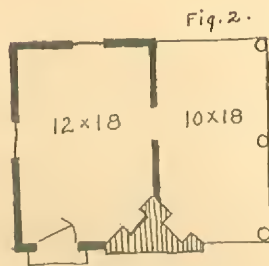
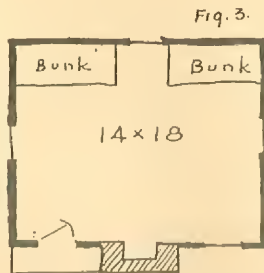


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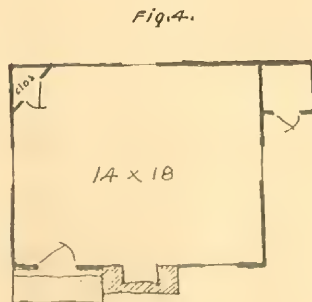
The stockade type of log construction - i.e., when logs or poles are set vertically - is very popular, and if constructed properly makes a very serviceable cabin.



216 sq. ft.



252 sq. ft.



252 sq. ft.

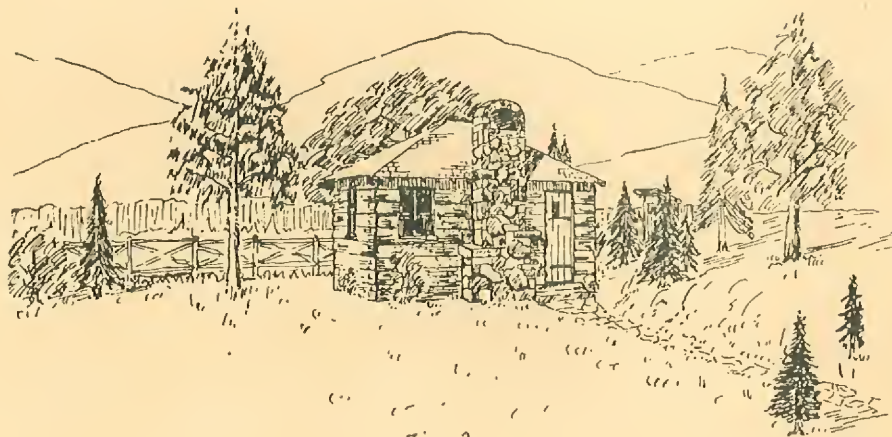


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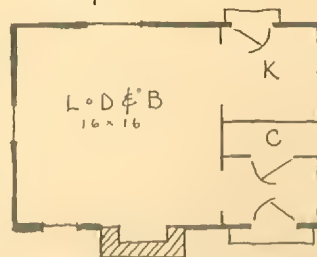


The above fire-
place takes
12 or 16" wood.

Fig. 3.

The hip type of
foot-bath servicable
and economical.

Fig. 1.



384 sq. ft.



Fig. 2.



Fig. 1- shows large screened porch. All porches can be screened.

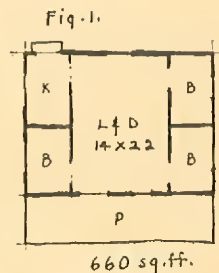
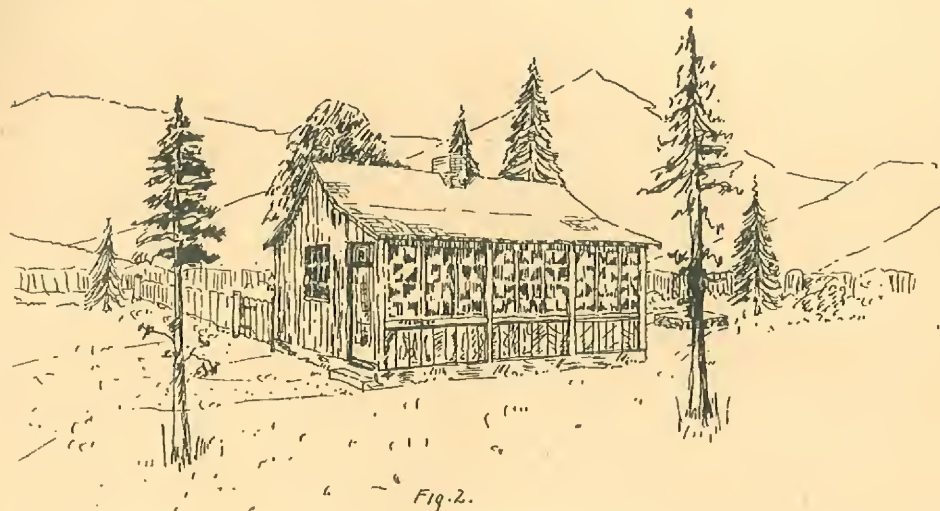


Fig. 2- shows porch enclosed with removable sash. During the time when the cabin is not in use these can be stored. Doors and windows can be boarded up with specially made coverings. These may also be used as awnings over windows.

When cabins are used in the summer only, large screened openings may be made in the exterior walls instead of windows.

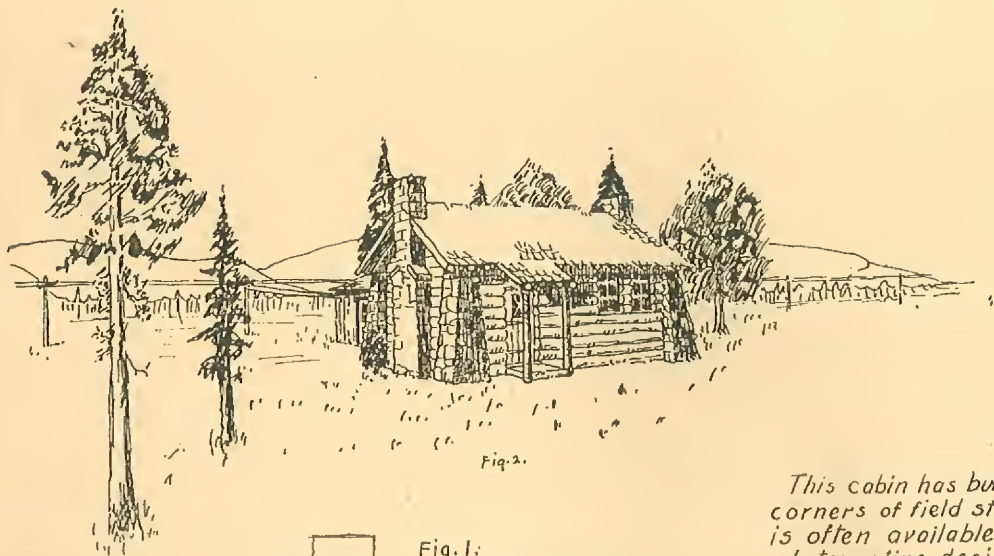
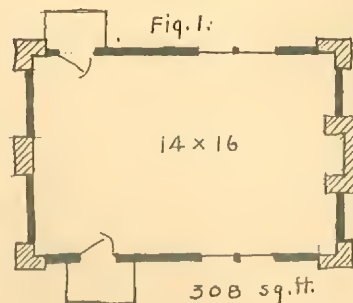


Fig. 2.



This cabin has buttressed corners of field stone which is often available.

Interesting designs may be worked into projecting chimneys.

When electric power is available, a private water system may be installed very reasonably.

A complete set of fixtures for the bath room may now be purchased at small cost.

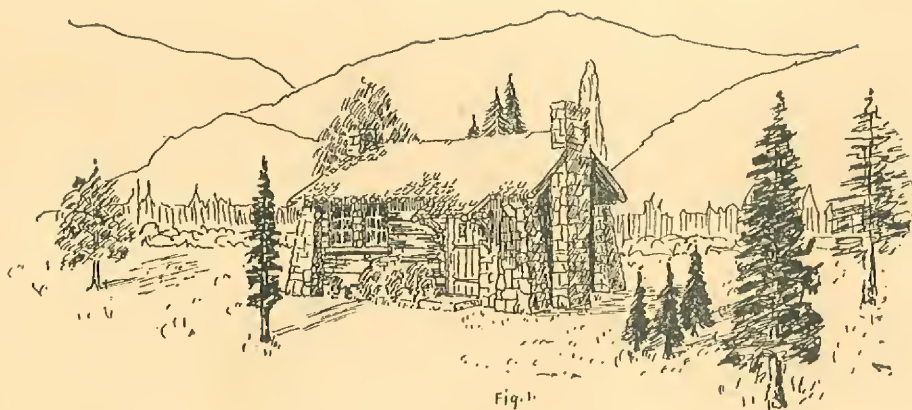
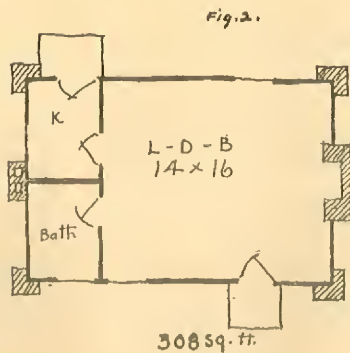
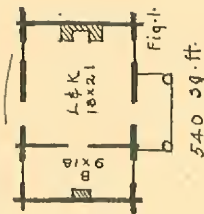
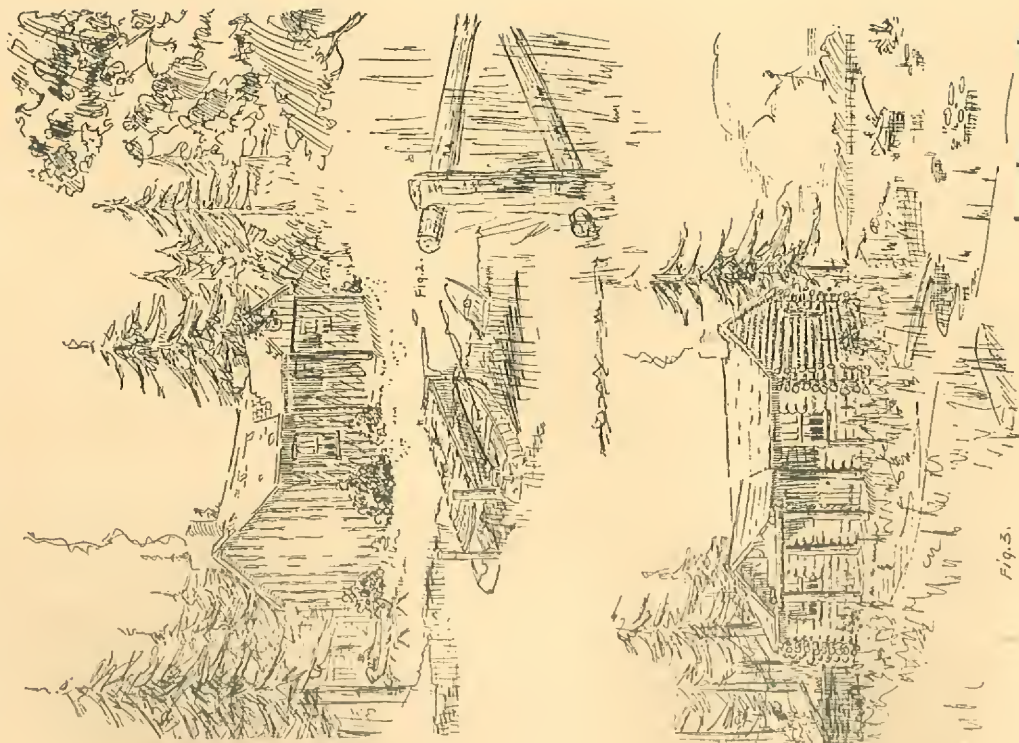


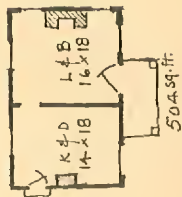
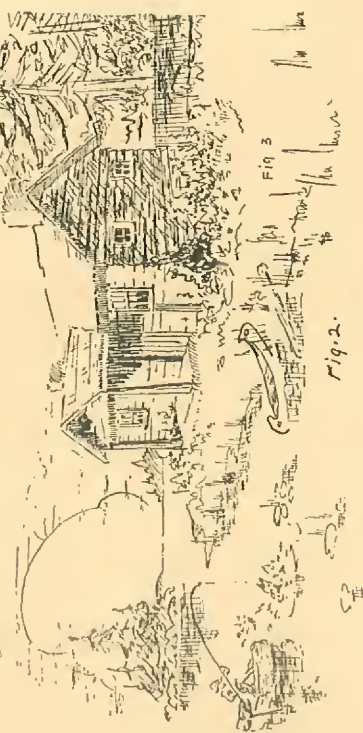
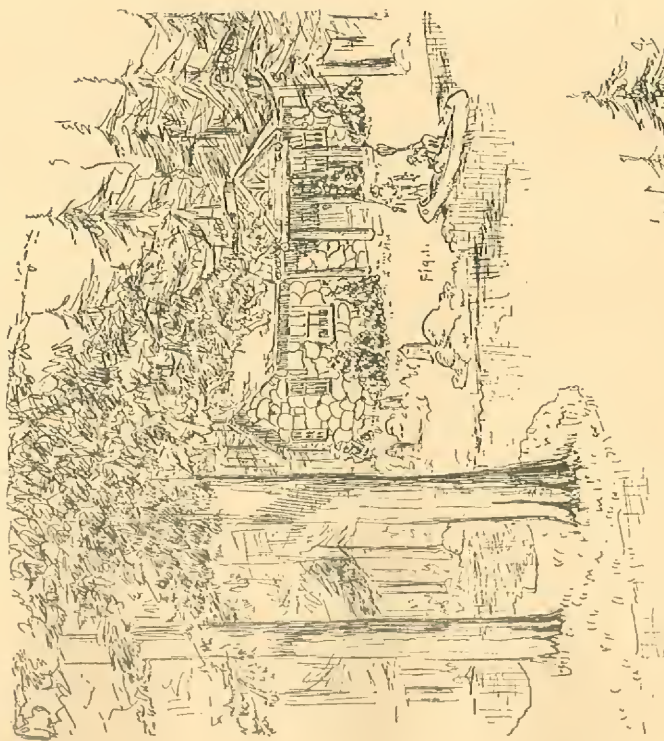
Fig. 1.



When field stone is available it is usually the most inexpensive material to use for decorating the exterior, fireplace, hearth and in building foundation, piers and chimneys.



*Various exteriors for
the two room cabin.*



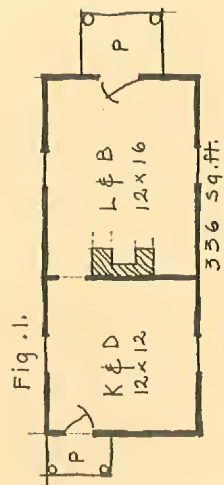
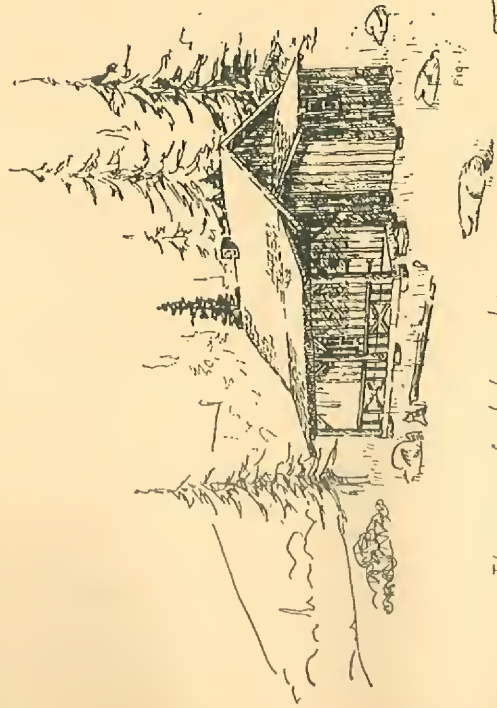
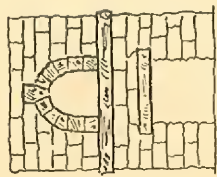


Fig. 2.
A two room cabin
of simple lines.
rectangular with
gable roof



The use of slabs, when available, for siding or battens, gives a rustic appearance to the frame cabin.



*Suggested
inside design
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Fig. 2.

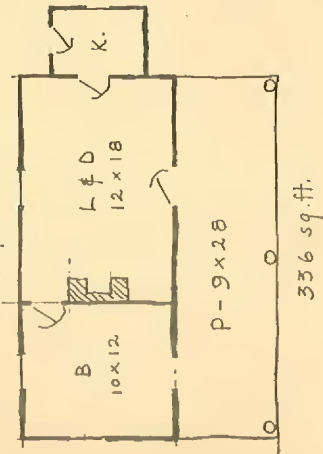


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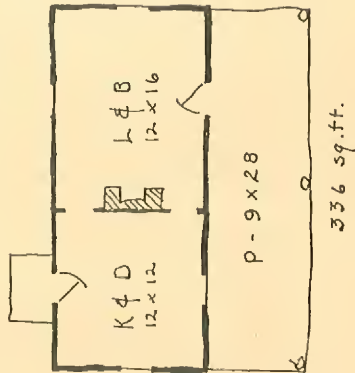
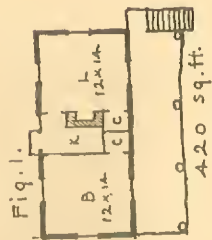
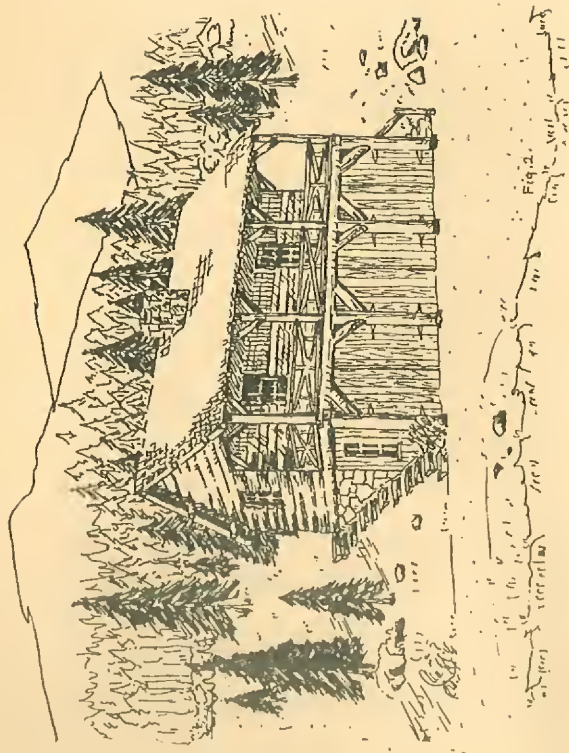
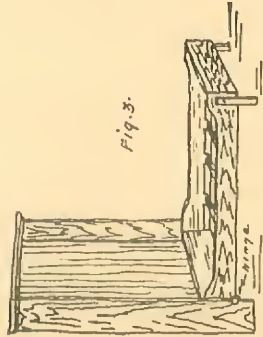
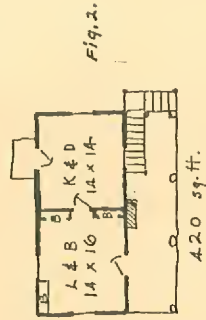
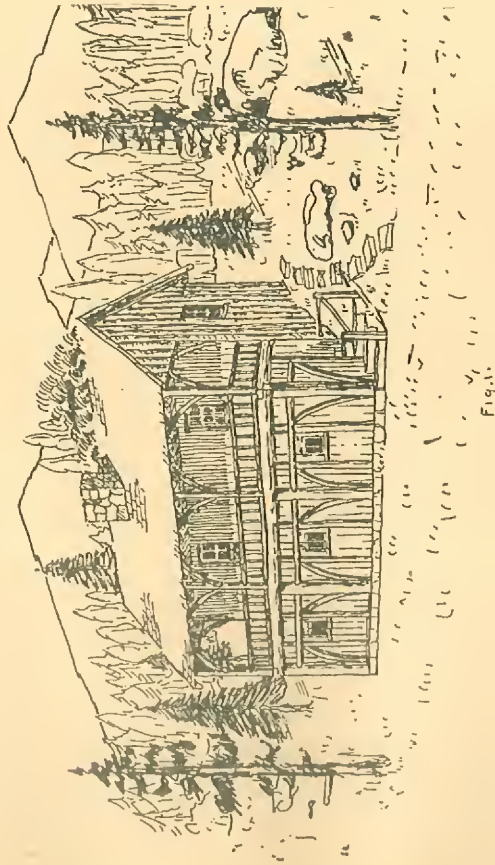


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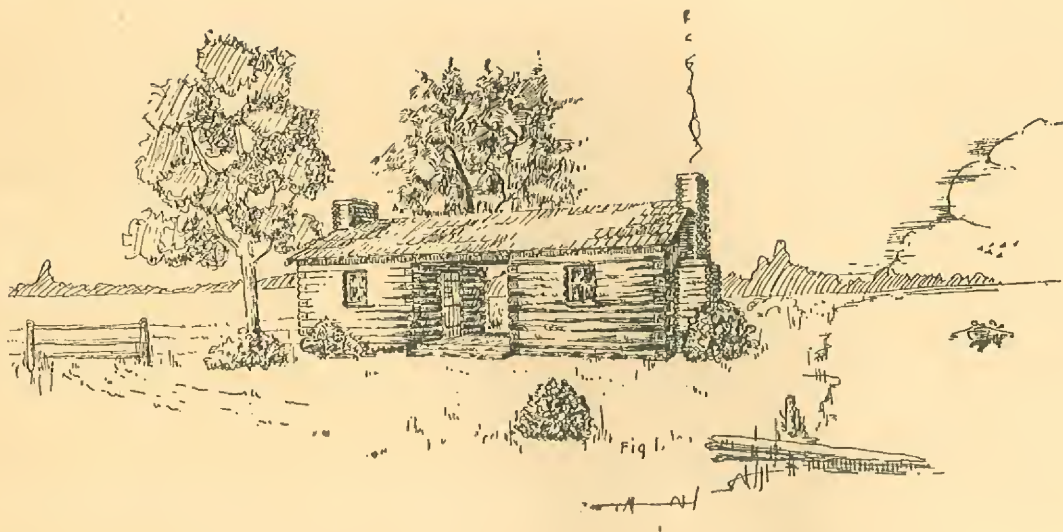


The hillside cabin can often be made to accommodate a number of cars by building a garage under and opening to the downhill side.

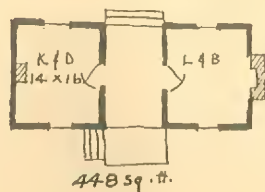
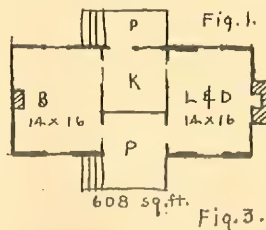
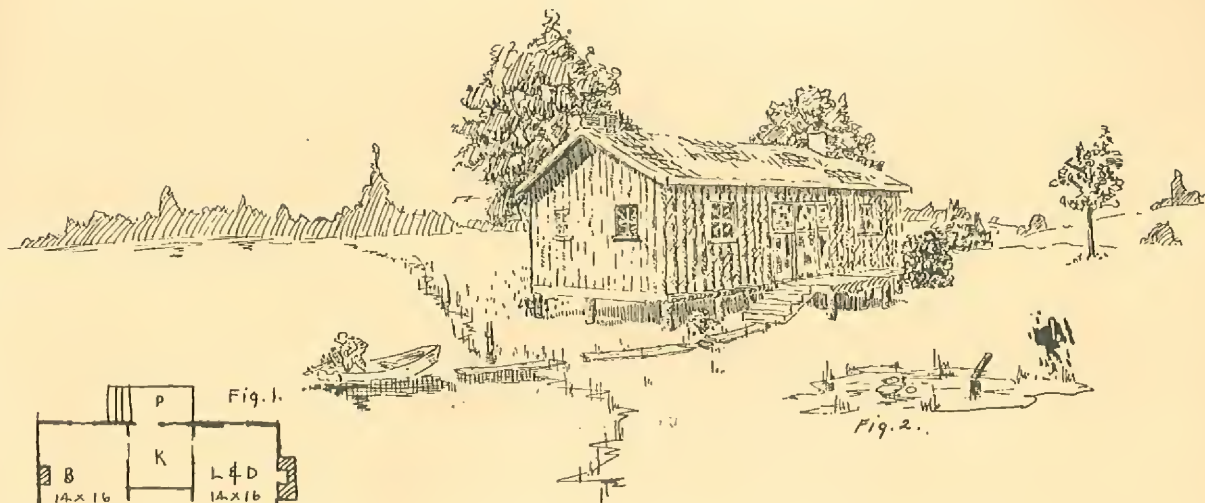


Cabins built on the hillside can be made very attractive if enough care is taken in designing the foundation for the low side.

Beds which fold up or which fold into the wall may be made for the combination room. Rooms may be built below porch.



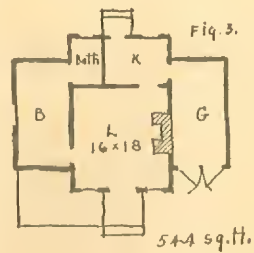
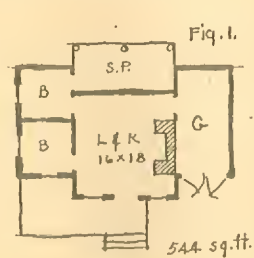
*The plantation type of cabin.
The porch which extends thru
the center can be left open,
screened, or glassed.
Fig. 1 - shows logs squared on
three sides.*



In the small cabin, combination rooms are necessary. It is always economical to eliminate halls, closets etc., although often these are very desirable.



*The garage is a popular addition to the small cabin.
The doors in good design, may open either at front or rear.*



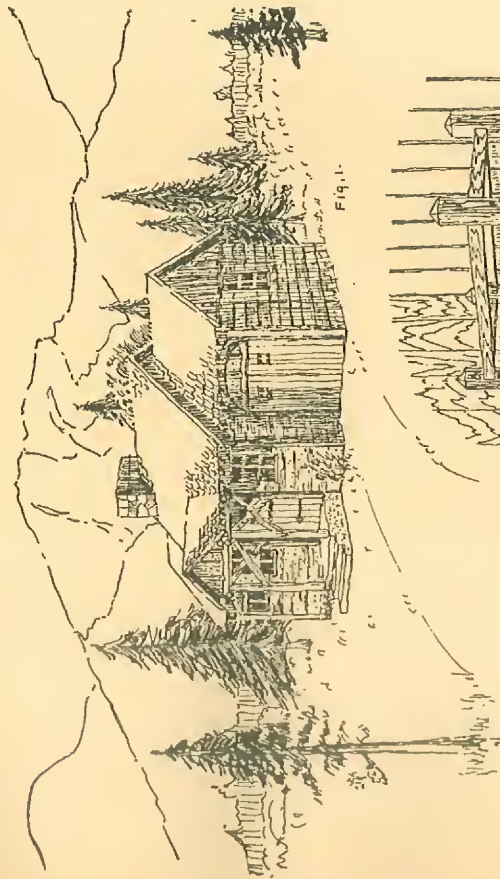


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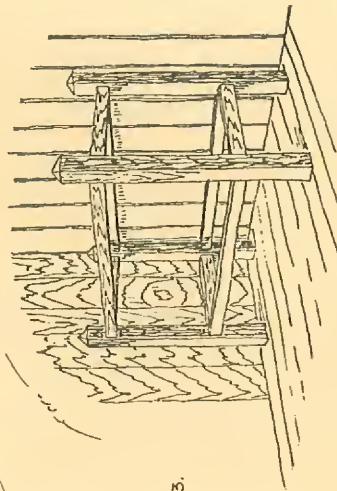
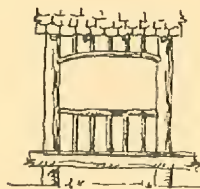
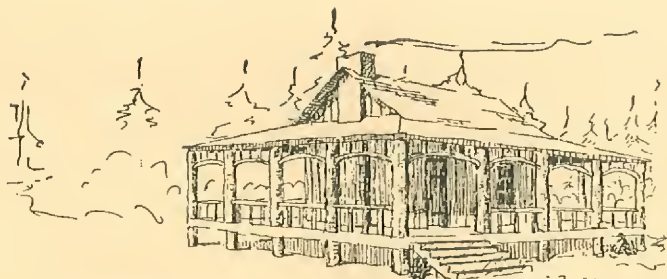


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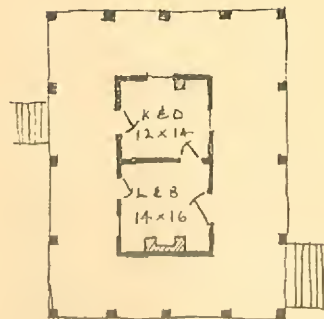


By lowering ceiling of garage and kitchen, sleeping rooms may be provided above. The closet shown can be used as a dressing room or plunder room. There is always a demand for a place to store tackle and seldom used camp equipment. Double deck beds are often used in the small cabin. Beds are built to fit standard springs or mattress. A rustic porch adds to any cabin.



Many rustic designs can be made for the decoration of the porch between the columns. One of the most simple and yet very effective is shown in Fig. 3. above.

Fig. 2.



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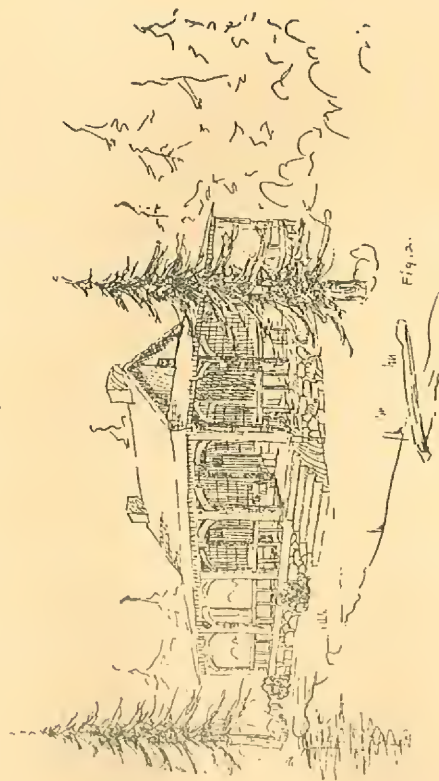


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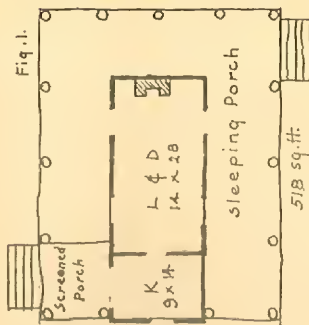
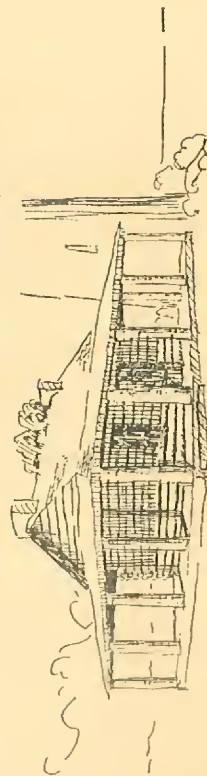
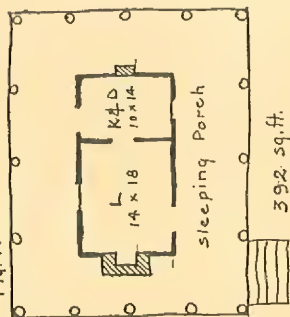


Fig. 4.



This type of cabin will prove expensive in preparation to the size of the enclosed rooms an account of the large amount of floor area under roof.



Fig. 3.

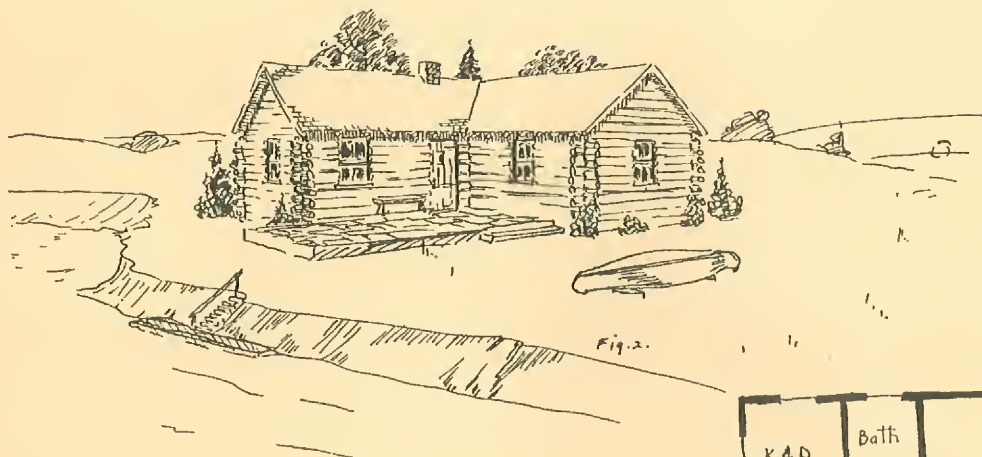
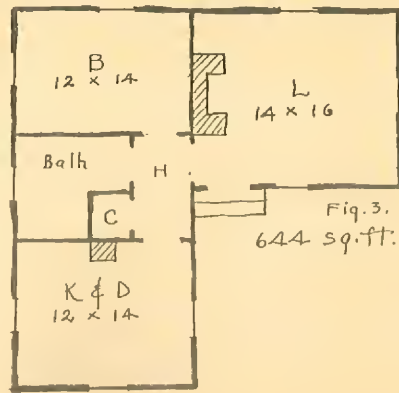
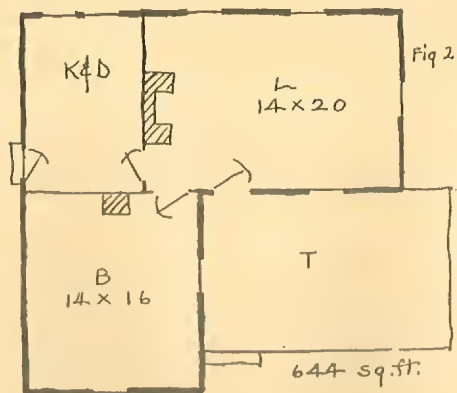
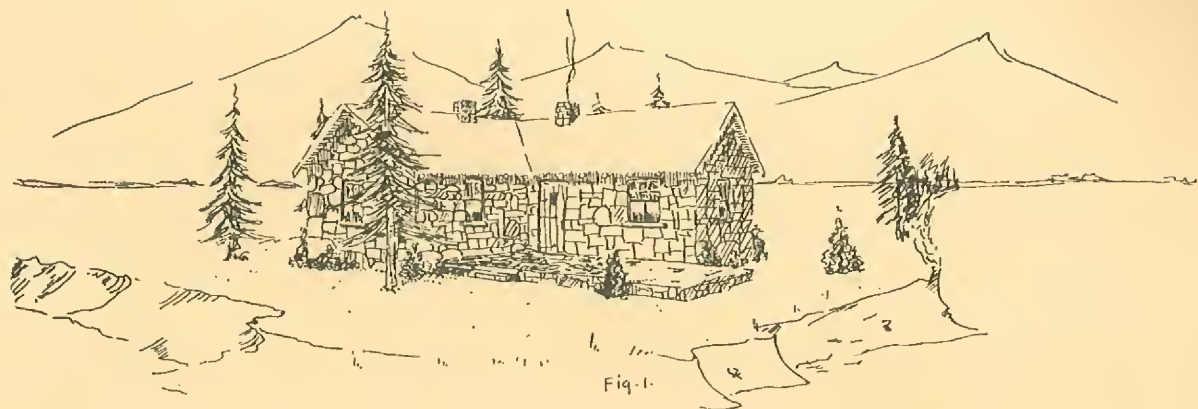


Fig. 2.



A three room design in logs and stone. Other exterior materials may be used effectively. The Terrace may be covered with a roof of rustic design.

When an attachment is formed for a location, logs or stone may then be added as a permanent treatment for the exterior.



A stone exterior
is shown in Fig. 1.
Fig. 2 and 3. Two
plan arrangements
for the same ex-
terior, each has
three rooms.

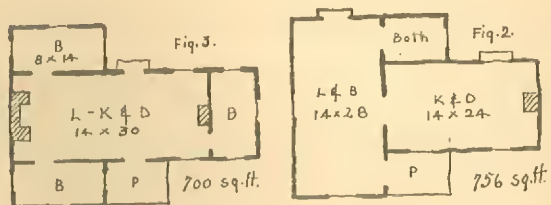
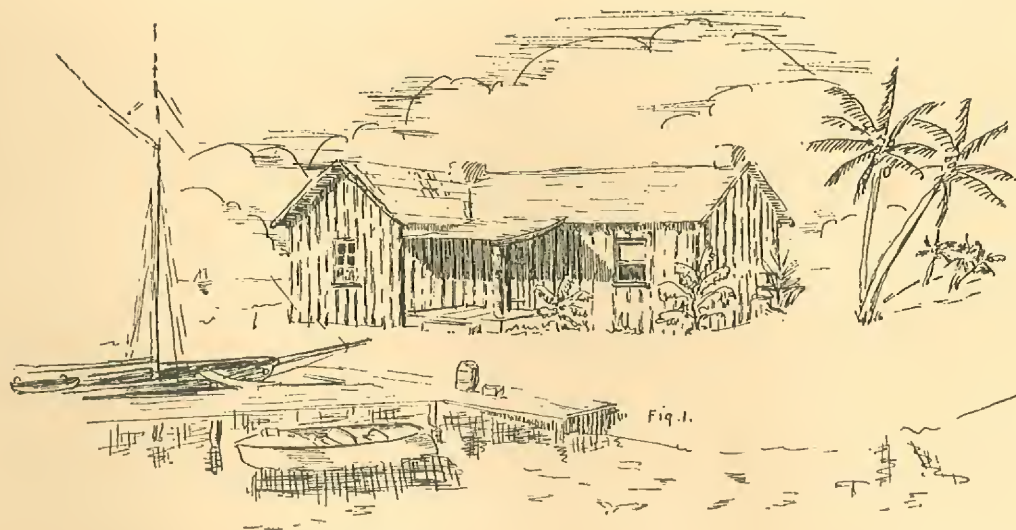


Fig. 1. A design showing pole construction.
Two designs for plan for Fig. 1 of 2 and 3 rooms are shown Figs. 2 & 3.

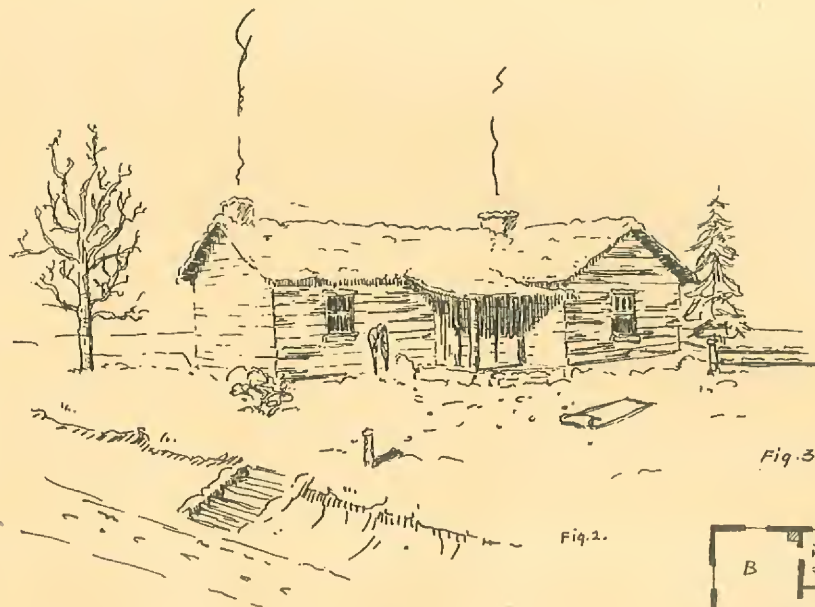


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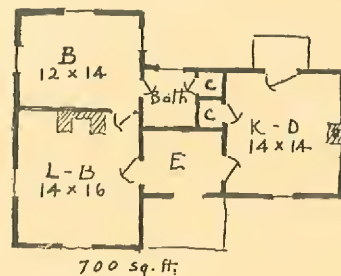
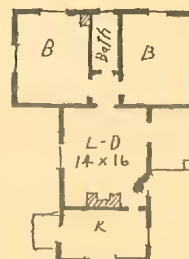
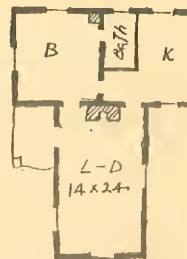


Fig. 3.

Fig. 4.



Three suggested plans for the same exterior. All plans in this booklet may be changed to meet individual tastes. Larger porches, rooms, or other appendages can always be added.

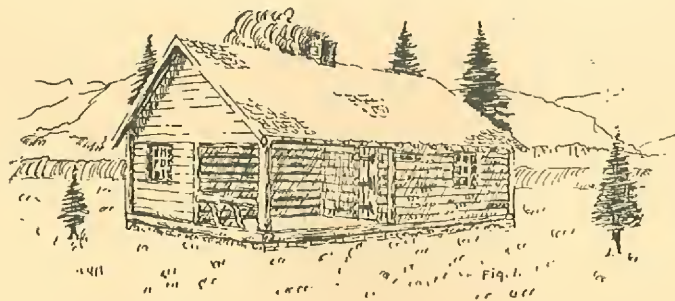
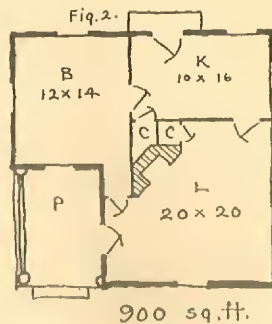


Fig. 1. shows cabin with porch, under the same roof. Aporch this size has many uses.



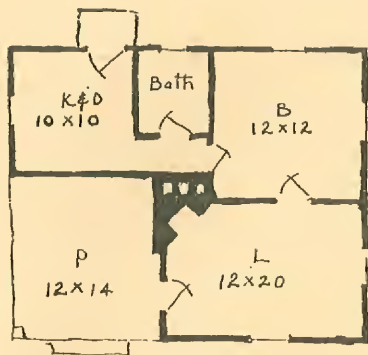


Fig. 5. 640 sq. ft.

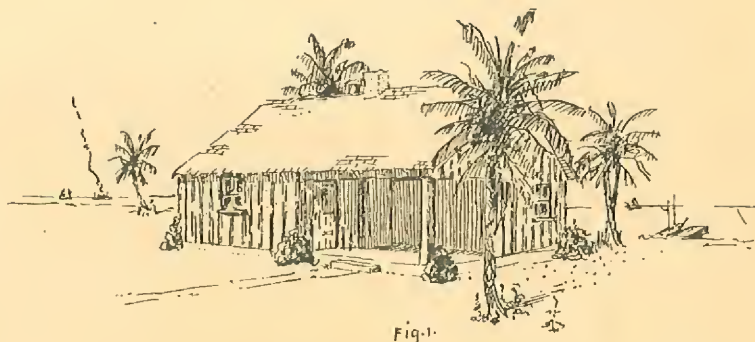


Fig. 1.

A large three room frame cabin. The single chimney is centrally located having a separate flue for each room. The large porch may be screened or glassed in, making another room.

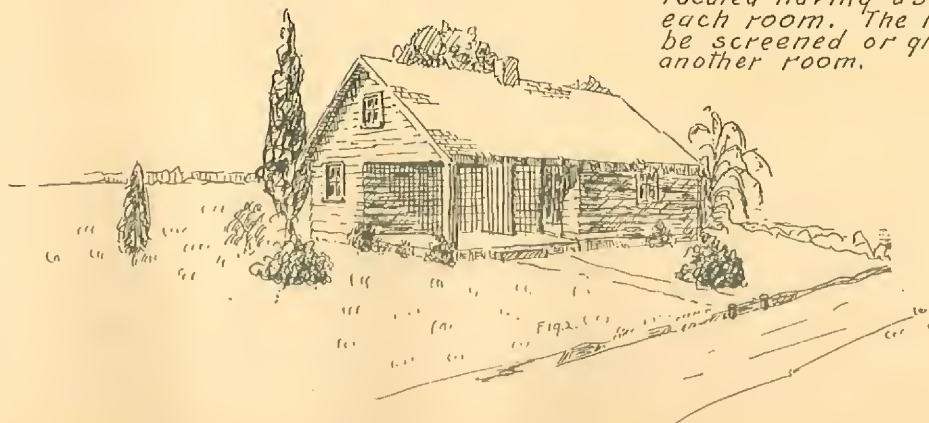


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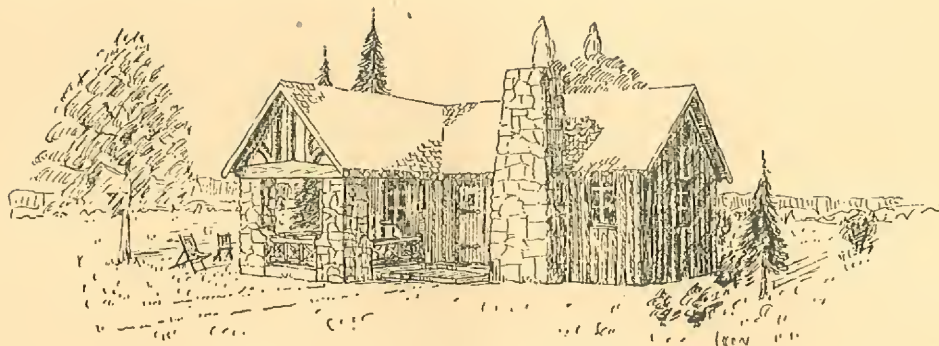


Fig. 2.

A cabin for the small family. Extra beds may be placed in the large living room.



This
Fireplace
takes
48" wood
Shelves
and
mantle
are
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Fig. 3.



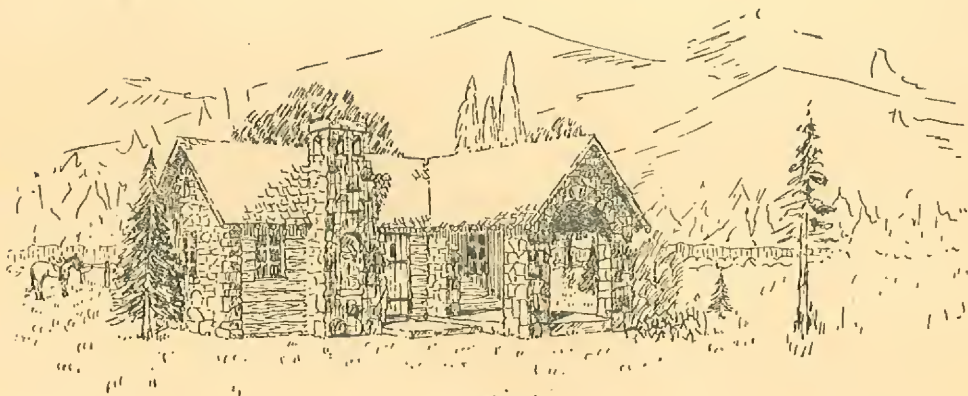


Fig. 1.

Fig. 1- Stone gables with siding finish for intermediate walls.

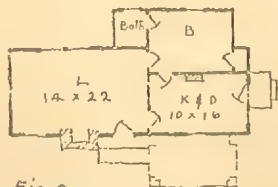


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692 sq. ft.

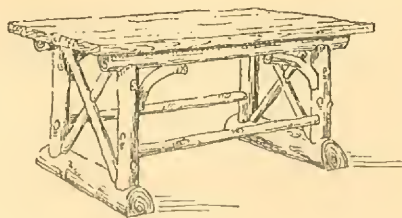
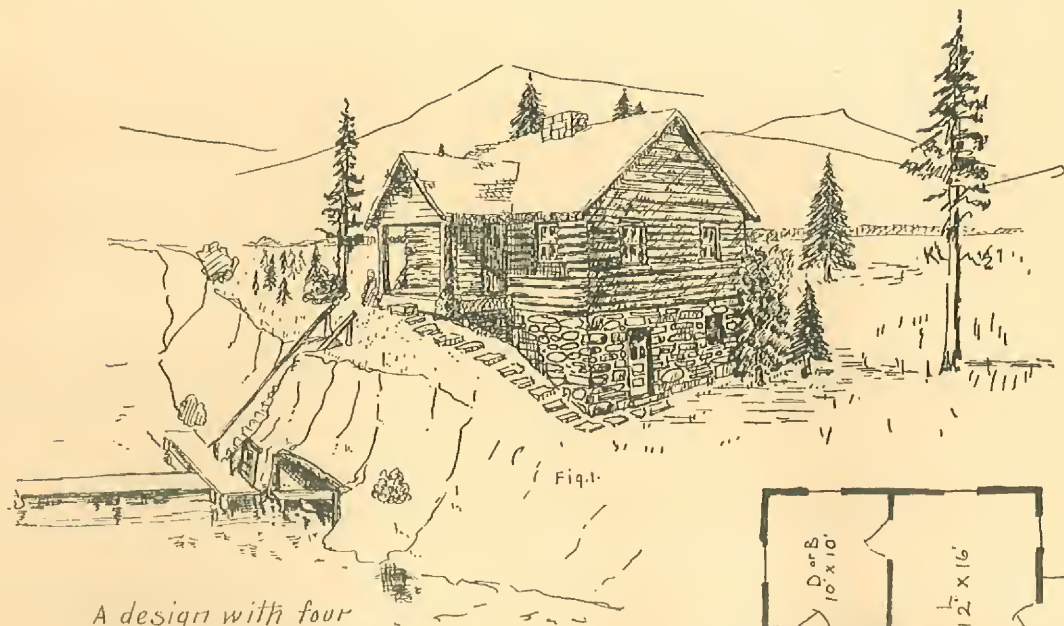
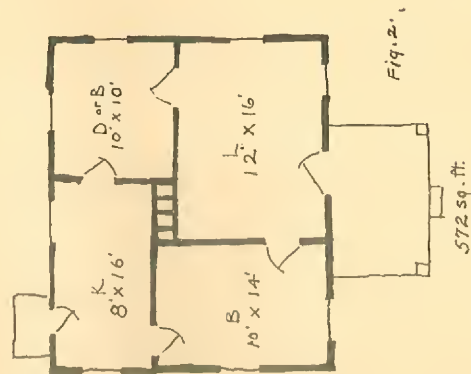


Fig. 3.

Rustic furniture can be made by the carpenter to furnish the cabin built of slabs, poles, logs or stone.



A design with four flues in a common chimney. One flue for each stove or heater is essential. A fireplace may be desirable in the Living room, and a bath may be placed in part of the kitchen.





*The most economical of
all small cabins is one
having four square rooms.*

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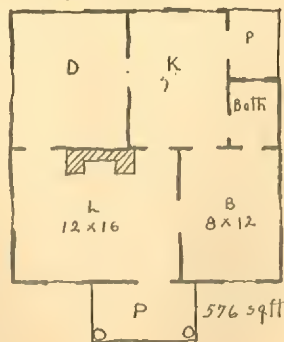


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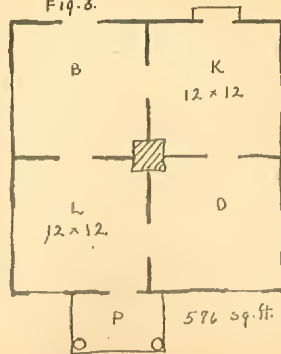


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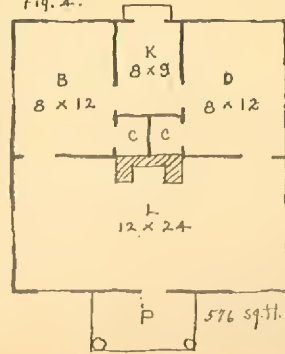




Fig. 3.

A suggestion for turning a bedroom into stairway, dressing room and bath when kitchen and dining room are located in basement.

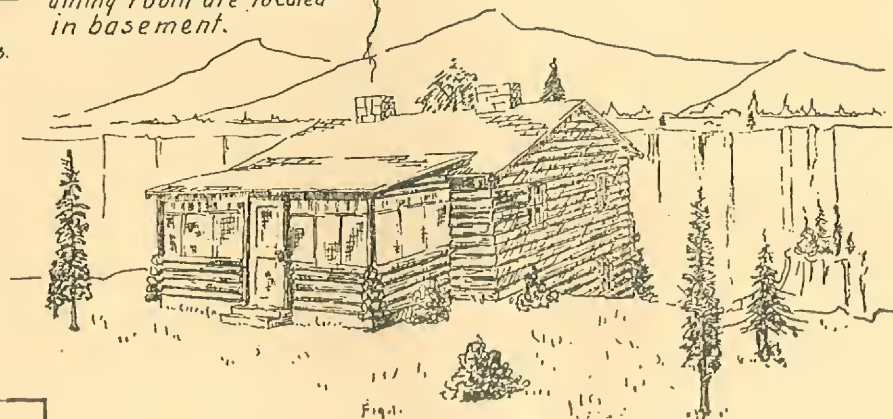
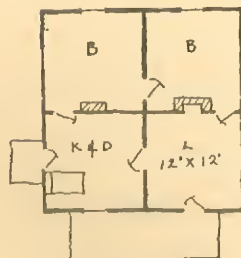


Fig. 2.



576 sq. ft.

Hillside cabins are popular in mountainous country because of necessity. The foundation should be massive enough to be in harmony with the superstructure.

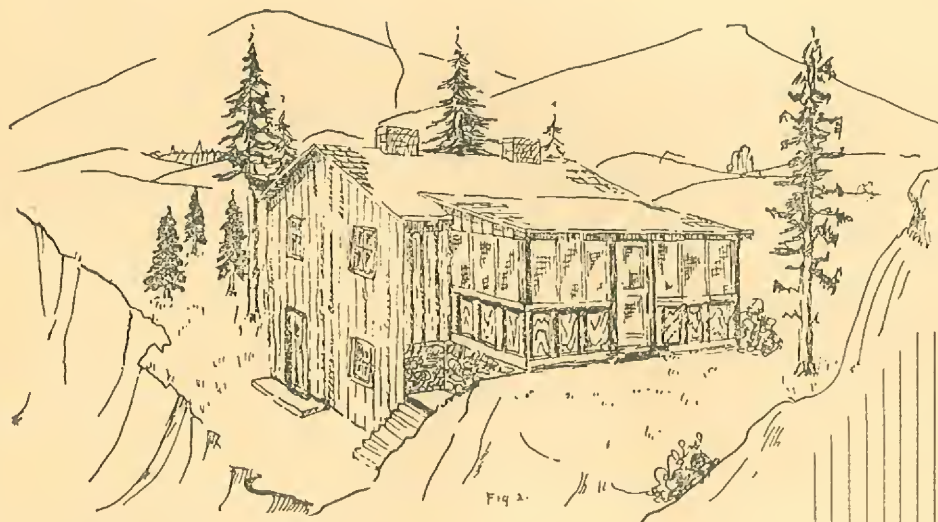
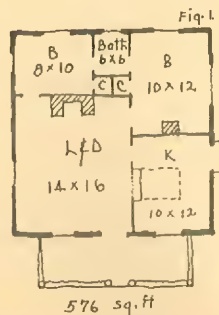
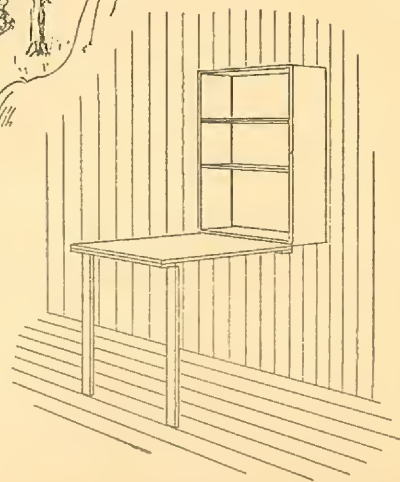


Fig. 2.



Many built in cabinets, designed to save space, are on the market. An inexpensive cupboard and table, as shown above, can be built by your carpenter.

This is a very economical plan because of the square rooms. Extra rooms may be obtained in a hillside basement



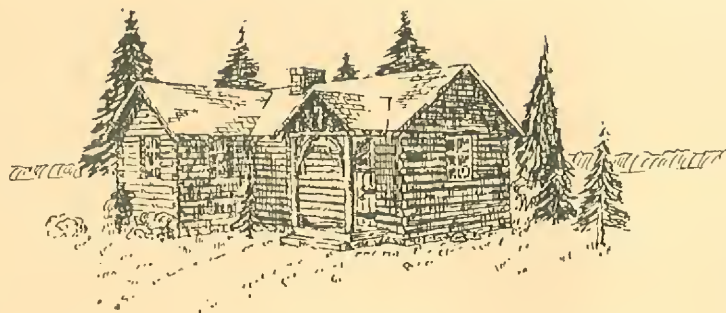
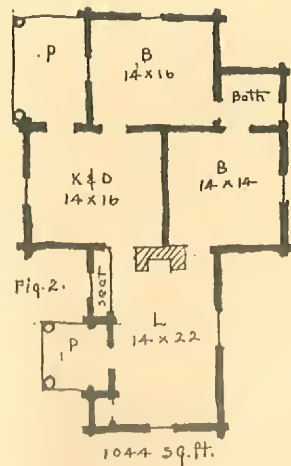
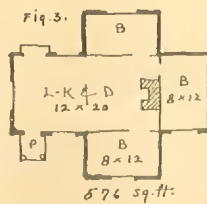
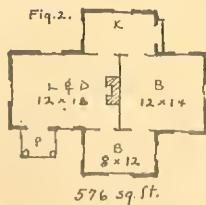
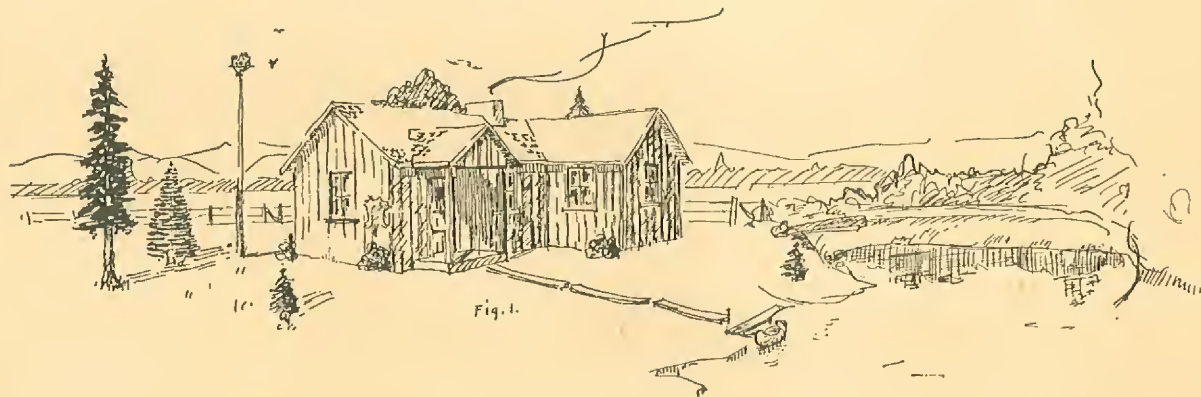


Fig. 1.

See plans
on the two
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pages for
others adap-
ted to this
design





A four
room cabin
conveniently
arranged. Exterior
materials such as
logs or stone will
greatly increase
the effectiveness
of any design.

The cabin large enough for three or four rooms offers a great number of ways in which to divide it into convenient and livable rooms for the most exacting. See plan sketches on the two preceding pages.



ESTIMATE OF CONSTRUCTION

LOG

FRAME

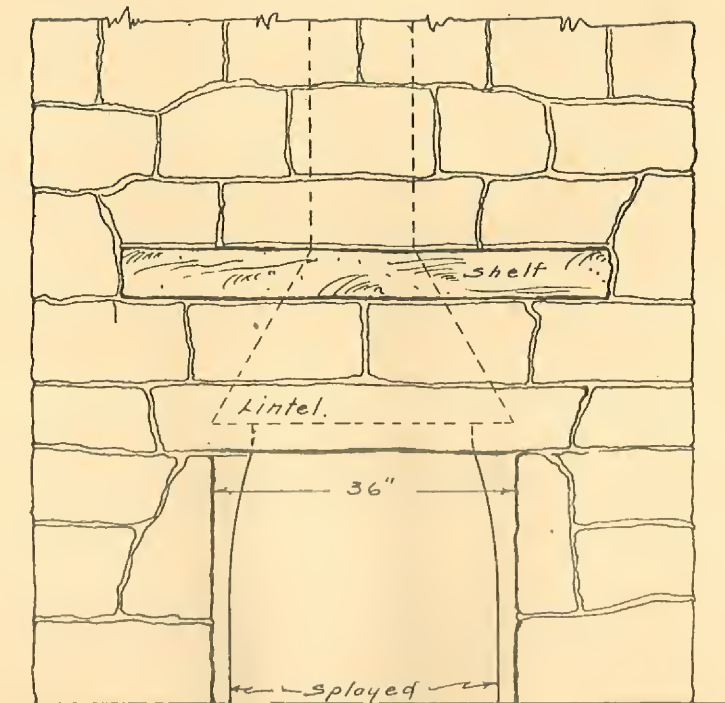
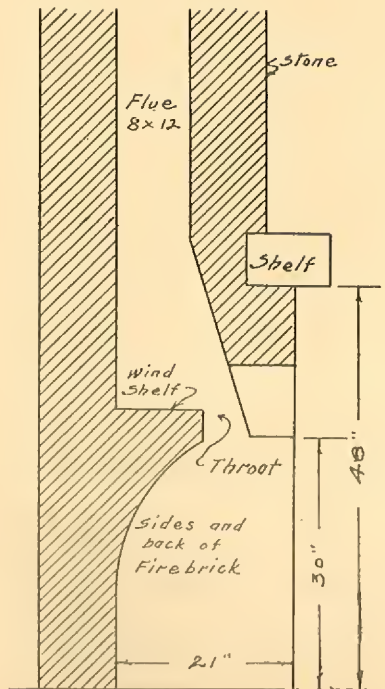
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1	2	16 x 16	256 Sqft		\$384.		2	2	14 x 14	196 Sqft		\$264.	
3	2	16 x 16	256		315.		4	3	14 x 14	196		264.	
5	2	12 x 18	216	180 Sqft	324.	\$ 90.	6	1	16 x 16	384		441.	
5	3	14 x 18	252		378.		8	1	14 x 22	660	240 Sqft	520.	\$ 90
7	2	14 x 22	484	477	626.	159.	10	2	14 x 16	308	36	432.	10.
9	1	14 x 16	308	13	462.	8.	12	2	16 x 18	504	84	545.	25.
11	1	18 x 21	540	50	810.	36.	14	2-3	12 x 16	336	252	403.	75.
13	1	12 x 16	336	45	504.	32.	16	2	14 x 16	420	240	432.	72.
15	1	12 x 14	420	240	630.	120.	18	1	14 x 16	608	64	611.	24.
17	1	14 x 18	604	140	906.	70.	18	3	14 x 16	448	160	526.	48.
19	1-3	16 x 18	544	36	816.	24.	20	2	16 x 24	744	268	735.	80.
21	2	14 x 16	392	928	588.	309.	22	1	14 x 28	518	788	521.	252.
23	1	14 x 16	644	200	966.	40.	22	4	14 x 18	392	928	394.	278.
25	2	14 x 24	756	94	1134.	28.	24	2-3	14 x 20	644	200	647.	40.
25	3	14 x 30	700	94	1050.	28.	26	1	14 x 16	700	94	759.	28.
27	2	20 x 20	900	150	1350.	50.	26	4	14 x 16	700	48	759.	16.
29	1	12 x 24	968	72	1457.	30.	28	3	12 x 20	640	180	641.	61.
31	2	12 x 16	572	85	858.	45.	30	2	14 x 22	692	144	685.	37.
33	2	12 x 12	576	156	864.	117.	32	134	12 x 16	756	85	760.	45.
35	2	14 x 22	1044	96	1566.	64.	34	1	14 x 16	576	120	580.	80.
37	1	14 x 22	924	108	1386.	70.	36	2-3	12 x 20	576	30	633.	20.

You will find the table above very valuable in comparing sizes and costs of the various cabins, as the estimates listed are figured on the same basis. To compare values properly it is necessary that all cabins be considered as if built on level ground with properly spaced piers for support. This estimate includes, besides the completely erected cabin itself, fireplaces and chimneys, walls enclosing bath rooms, and all rustic decorations where shown in sketches. Not included in estimates are such accessories to the above as continuous foundations, basement rooms, furnishings, screens, painting, plumbing and electric wiring. Under the most favorable conditions these cabins should be built as shown in detail for the prices

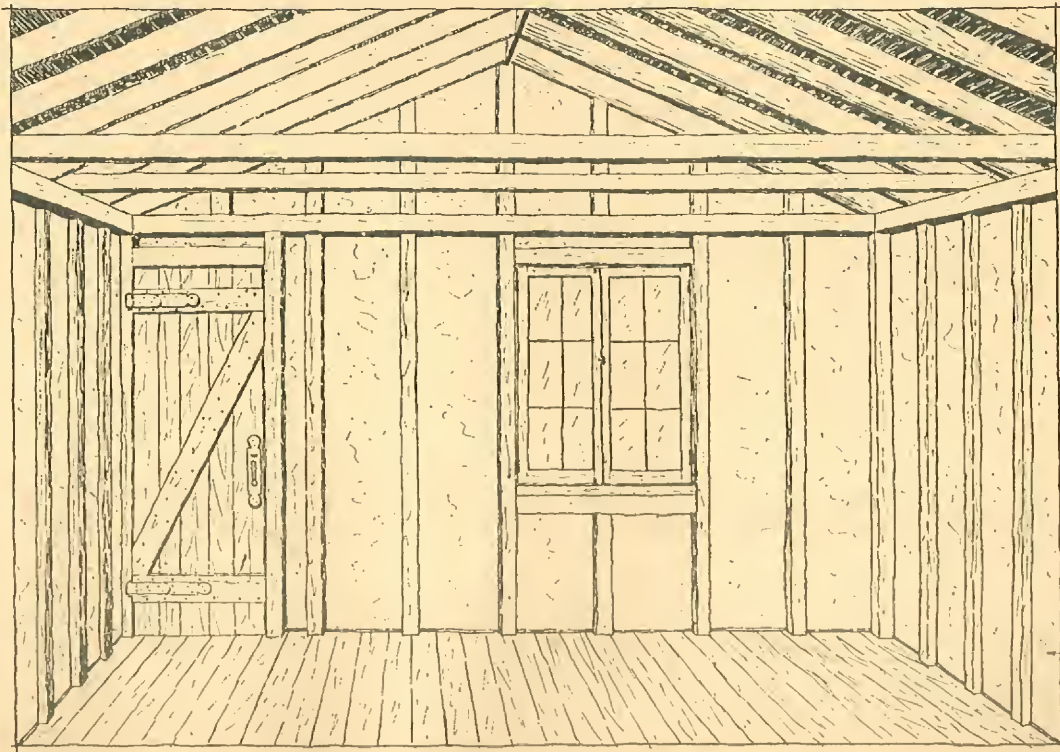
listed, making the necessary allowance for locality. Building costs, you will find, vary greatly in different sections of the country due to location of site, labor costs, accessibility, quality and price of materials. Consult your carpenter for figures suitable to your locality.

THE VACATION CABIN
Box 828 Crosstown Station
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DETAIL OF FIREPLACE

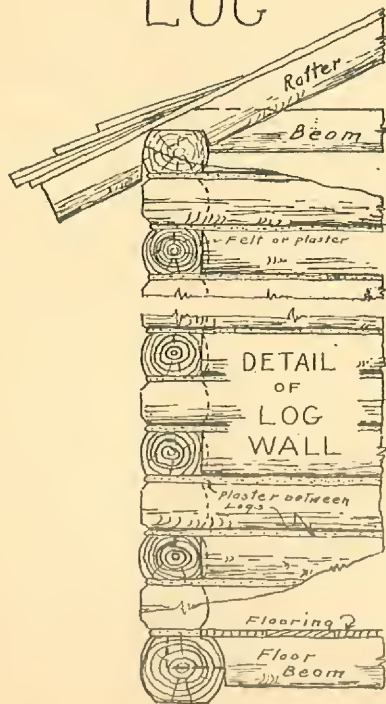


FRAME CABIN PERSPECTIVE OF INTERIOR

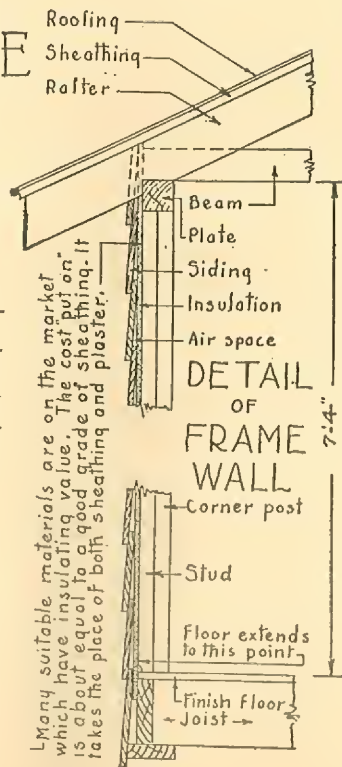


SECTION OF EXTERIOR WALL

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These types of construction are suggested on account of their being both serviceable and economical.





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